

I find Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election to be an outrageously partisan act which betrays the trust placed in them by the American public. The fact that they control such a large percentage of the television and news viewed by the public, and the fact that they have now demonstrated their willingness to act in a completely biased and partisan nature without any regard for journalistic integrity demonstrates the clear danger of media consolidation and the need to break up big media and bring journalism back to the people.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.